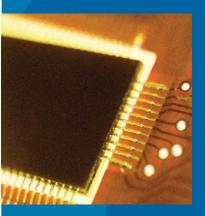




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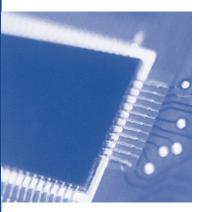




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his year, 2006, marks the tenth year of the Bay Area Economic Profile Series. First begun in 1996 as a collaboration of the Bay Area Economic Forum and McKinsey & Company, the report continues to benefit from strong contributions by teams from McKinsey and from a range of eminent advisers and partners. This year's edition therefore provides a special opportunity to assess the state of Bay Area's economy today, how it has changed through the ups and downs of the last decade, and how effectively the region's leadership has addressed the challenges the economy faces.

The report finds that the Bay Area remains one of the most inventive, competitive economies in the nation, based on a world-class R&D base, a diverse and creative workforce, and a spirit of risk taking and innovation. It is the world's premier knowledge-based economy, supported and driven by a proven capacity to innovate. We also find, however, that major challenges such as a rising cost of living have not been resolved, and are eroding the region's productivity compared to comparable metropolitan areas. Despite its many strengths, the Bay Area's continued leadership is at risk.

The Bay Area is home not only to business innovators, but also to civic innovators. Its rich array of civic and non-profit organizations and the region's deep reservoir of talent and entrepreneurship give us reason to be optimistic that the challenges the region faces today can be resolved. The need and vision are clear. What we need now to achieve it is political will.

The Bay Area Economic Forum, the Bay Area Council, and the Association of Bay Area Governments are committed to working with their partners – business, economic development, civic and policy organizations throughout the region and the state – to assure that California and the Bay Area remain beacons of opportunity.

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Introduction

his report is the fifth in a series launched in 1996. At this 10-year juncture, we take stock of key developments in the Bay Area and how they are likely to evolve. The report examines the strengths of the region – its adaptive, innovation-driven economy, unrivaled talent base, and unique geographic and cultural intangibles – as well as its growing challenges in education, housing, and infrastructure.

Specifically, this report profiles the Bay Area's economic mix, state of education, level of productivity, cost of living – particularly housing – and infrastructure. It benchmarks the Bay Area to national averages and to 10 similar metropolitan regions in the U.S., including urban areas, high-tech clusters, and some up-and-coming cities.

Executive Summary

While the Bay Area has managed once again to transform itself and emerge prosperous from the recent high-tech boom and bust – outpacing its 2000 GDP by \$17 billion in 4 years – it urgently needs more pathbreaking solutions and investment in education, housing, and infrastructure to secure the foundations for future success.

The Bay Area is exceptionally innovative and has continually reinvented itself. The region has a diverse economic mix, very high productivity, globally recognized expertise in knowledge-based endeavors, strong large businesses, dynamic small companies, and top-notch talent, not to mention an attractive physical setting and climate. With its agility and depth of knowledge, its core strengths of building and managing global businesses and creating new industries, products, and business models, the Bay Area has continuously remained at the leading edge.

Yet it must innovate in key areas to protect its talent base. The Bay Area economy is concentrated in knowledge-based occupations, and many companies locate here to tap its outstanding talent pool. The region's future depends on these highly-skilled workers. As the economy expands, however, talent vacancies loom as Baby Boomers retire, individuals relocate elsewhere in the nation, and foreign professionals move back home, especially to India and China as those countries offer more appealing career opportunities.

The Bay Area faces a dual challenge in filling this need. First, its education system must prepare all segments of the population to succeed in the knowledge economy. Second, the region must work more effectively to attract and retain talent, by addressing its high cost of living – especially housing – and strained infrastructure.

Education. In contrast to students admitted to the Bay Area's world-class universities, too many local K-12 public school students lack the skills to contribute to the knowledge-based economy.

Cost of living. Over the past 10 years, the continued escalation of the Bay Area's cost of living is striking. Because increases in the cost of living outpace increases in productivity, the Bay Area is falling behind in cost-adjusted productivity; paychecks are higher than elsewhere, but expenses are much higher.

Housing. Housing contributes most to the lofty cost of living. Local residents spend 48% of their income on housing, compared to 29% for the country as a whole. By federal standards, Bay Area housing is unaffordable for individuals of median income.

Infrastructure. On many fronts Bay Area public services have not kept pace with the demands of the economy and the growing population. Freeways are jammed, commutes are longer, the power supply is vulnerable to a hot summer, water systems could snap in a major earthquake, and the patchwork of governmental authorities could slow a coordinated response in the case of disaster.

Bay Area leaders and citizens can meet these challenges. Indeed, there is no shortage of efforts or vision. The constraints afflicting the Bay Area have grown over the past 10 years and the region cannot afford to wait another 10 years to resolve them. By acting today, policymakers can prevent these problems from widening, make the Bay Area more competitive, lessen the impact of a potential Katrina-scale disaster, and give today's residents and future generations a better quality of life. With sufficient political will – and with the Bay Area's deep reservoir of innovation and entrepreneurship – there is reason to be optimistic.

1. The Bay Area has continually transformed itself

he Bay Area has a highly productive, knowledge-based economy supported by an outstanding talent base and a spirit of creativity and innovation. It has repeatedly reinvented itself, and has emerged from the 2001 downturn with a broad-based, productive economy that remains one of the most innovative on earth.

The region is also one of the most appealing places to live in the United States. It has a mild climate, a splendid natural setting, and an informed, sophisticated culture. Its geographic hub, San Francisco, is one of the most beautiful and cosmopolitan cities in the world and a famed destination for travelers.

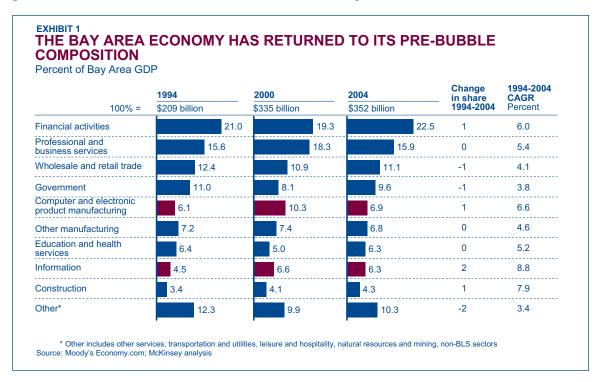
Adaptive economy. Over the past 10 years the Bay Area experienced a boom-and-bust cycle that mirrored nationwide trends, but had greater impact here because of the concentration in high-tech sectors. The local economy expanded faster than the national average in the late 1990s, growing from a 3% share of the US economy to 3.4%. It then fell back to its pre-bubble level, leaving its average growth rate over the last decade in line with that of the US as a whole.

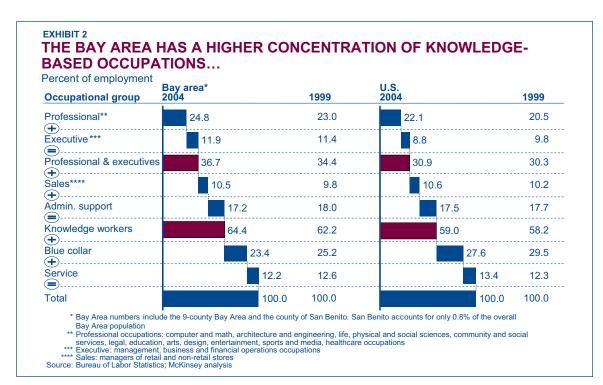
The Bay Area's economic diversity helped its recovery, as growth in sectors such as financial services offset declines in electronic and computer manufacturing. In terms of GDP, the local economy has largely reverted to its pre-bubble structure. For example, while electronic and computer manufacturing ballooned from a 6.1% share in 1994 to a 10.3% share in 2000, it is now 6.9%. However, the gain in the information sector – from 4.5% of local GDP in 1994 to 6.6% in 2000 and 6.3% in 2004 – seems permanent, and shows not just the resilience of the Bay Area economy, but its agility in developing new industry sectors. (Exhibit 1)

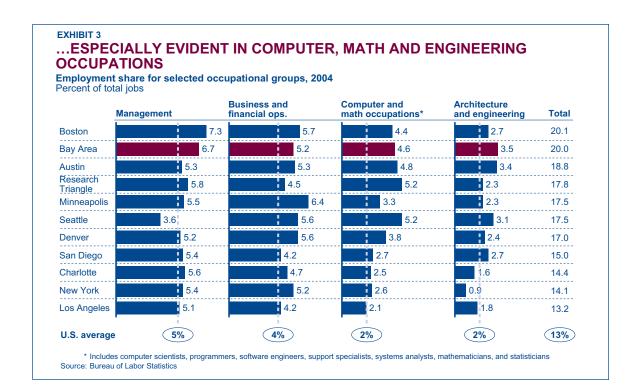
The region has emerged from previous recessions in a strong position. In fact, it has a long history of reinventing and repositioning itself at the fore. From semiconductors to computers, software, the Internet, and life sciences – the Bay Area has repeatedly shifted its economic focus, but always managed to maintain its global prominence in the rising industries that change our world.

Knowledge-based economy. The Bay Area has a much higher concentration of knowledge-based occupations – especially professional and executive positions – than the nation as a whole. And its percentage of computer, math, and engineering jobs is twice the national average. Some 37% of its adult residents have at least a bachelor's degree, compared to 24% nationwide, and one in six has a graduate or professional

degree. Core skills include building and managing global businesses, innovating in products, services and business models, and creating new industries. (Exhibits 2-4)







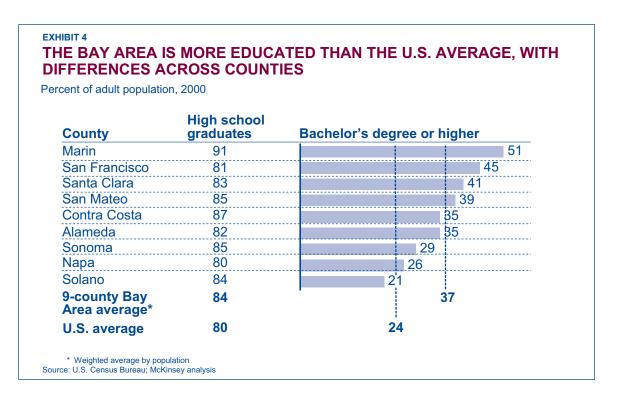


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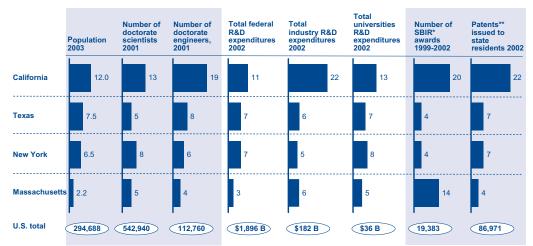
THE BAY AREA IS INCREASINGLY CONCENTRATED IN KNOWLEDGE-**INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES**

Percent of employment

	1994			2004					
Sector Other manufacturing	Share of Bay Area employment	Difference with U.S. share*		Share of Bay Area employment	Difference with U.S. share*		s	Gain/loss of share relative to U.S.	
			1.5	6.2	-2.9			-4.4	
Computer and Electronic product manufacturing	6.0		1.3	4.6		3.3	3	2.0	
Government	15.0		0.8	14.2	-1.5			-2.3	
Wholesale and retail trade	14.1		0.3	13.8	-1.3			-1.6	
Financial activities	6.5		0.2	6.4		0.5		0.3	
Information	3.0	-0.5		3.5		1.2		1.7	
Professional and business services	15.0	-1.0		16.0		4	.0	5.0	
Education and health services	9.9	-1.0		10.9	-1.4			-0.4	
Construction	3.6	-1.8		5.5		0.4		2.3	

* A positive figure indicates that the Bay Area has a greater degree of concentration in the industry than does the U.S. overall Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Moody's Economy.com; McKinsey analysis

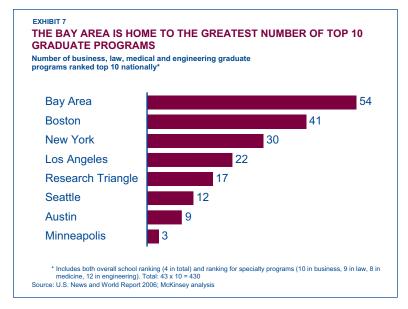
EXHIBIT 6 CALIFORNIA LEADS IN TERMS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT Percent of U.S. total



^{*} SBIR awards = small business innovation research awards granted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, a non-regulatory agency within the U.S. Commerce Department
** Utility patents issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark office "for the invention of a new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or a new and useful improvement thereof..."; cover approximately 90% of the patent documents issued in recent years Source: National Science Foundation; U.S. Patent & Trademark Office; McKinsey analysis

Further, compared to the US economy, the Bay Area is becoming more concentrated in knowledge-intensive industries. For example, the share of local employment in computer and electronic product manufacturing increasingly exceeds the US average, while the share in traditional manufacturing is falling behind. Employment share in professional and business services and in information technology is also much larger in the Bay Area than in the US as a whole. (Exhibit 5)

Innovation hotbed. The Bay Area has world-class research facilities and the venture capital to fund risky but potentially breakthrough ideas. Among

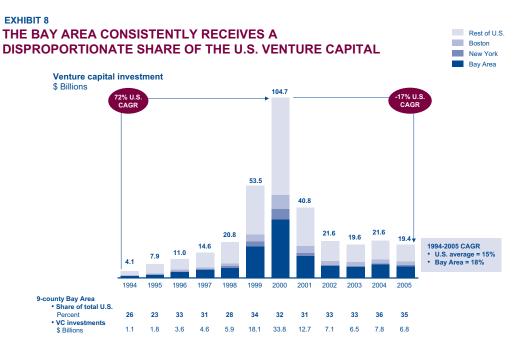


the research centers that dot the region are federal institutions (like Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, NASA Ames Research Center, and Sandia National Labs), new state facilities (e.g., the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine for stem cell research, QB3, and CITRIS), renowned universities like Stanford, UC Berkeley, UC San Francisco, UC Davis, and UC Santa Cruz, and many private laboratories operating in advanced science fields.

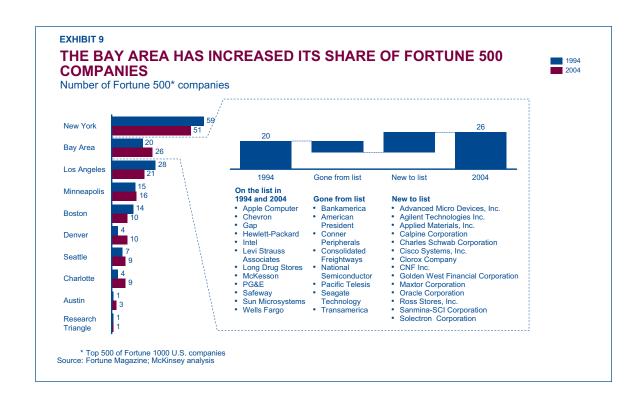
Much of the relevant data is only available at the state level, but it shows that California leads the nation in the number of doctorate-level scientists and engineers, small business innovation awards, patents, and federal, academic and industry R&D expenditure. The Bay Area contributes to this leadership. Several local universities rank in the top 20 in the US as recipients of R&D funding from the National Science Foundation. The Bay Area is also home to the largest number of Top 10-ranked graduate programs among comparable regions. (Exhibits 6, 7)

Another key measure of innovation is the number of patents per 10,000 employees. The San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont metropolitan area had 16.6 for 2002, more than double the national average (7.7). Even more strikingly, the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara metropolitan area had 72.8 patents per 10,000, one of the highest rates in the country. Overall, these areas earned nearly 20,000 patents between 1998 and 2002.¹

The Bay Area is a rich pool for venture capitalists because of this fertility in ideas, its expertise at developing them, and its web of entrepreneurial and management talent. The region consumes a disproportionate share of the country's venture capital – both in absolute terms and as percentage of local GDP. In fact, the Bay Area receives 35 percent of all US venture capital. No other region comes close. (Exhibit 8)



Source: Venture Economics/National Venture Capital Association; McKinsey analysis



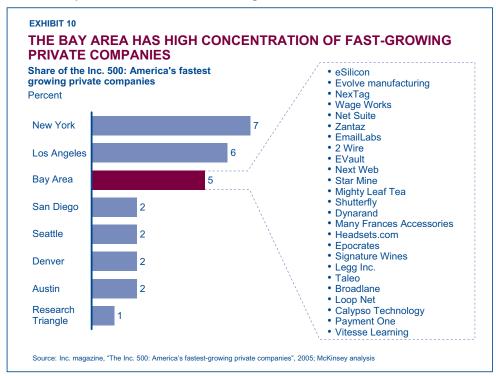
Bay Area companies also tend to gain venture capital earlier than firms elsewhere. The first round of financing usually comes 11.6 months after launch, compared to 16.6 months in Boston and the U.S. as a whole. In Silicon Valley, this swift access to venture capital is evident in every high-tech sector, from consumer and business services and electronics (each gaining funds 50% faster than the U.S. average) to software.² As a result, local companies can obtain capital and move ideas and products into the marketplace faster than elsewhere.

Business base. The Bay Area is home to over 155,000 businesses, including nearly 500 foreign companies. There is a notable concentration of large companies – 3.9% of the companies headquartered in the region have more than 500 employees, as opposed to the 0.3% US average.

The share of major US companies based in the Bay Area has increased over the past 10 years. Currently 26 of the largest 500 companies in the country are headquartered here, with combined 2004 sales of \$574 billion and in many cases global reach. On average, these companies have grown faster than the stock market as a whole, in both sales and market value. (Exhibit 9)

The Bay Area is also home to many of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. For example, 25 firms on Inc. magazine's "Inc. 500: America's fastest-growing private companies" list are based in the Bay Area. Further, according to 2004 estimates,

more than half (55%) of the 1,457 biotech companies in the US are located in the Bay Area. As for nanotechnology, the Bay Area hosts 7% of the world's nanotech corporations, behind only Germany (9%) and ahead of Japan (5%), Canada, Switzerland and the U.K. (each 4%). (Exhibit 10)

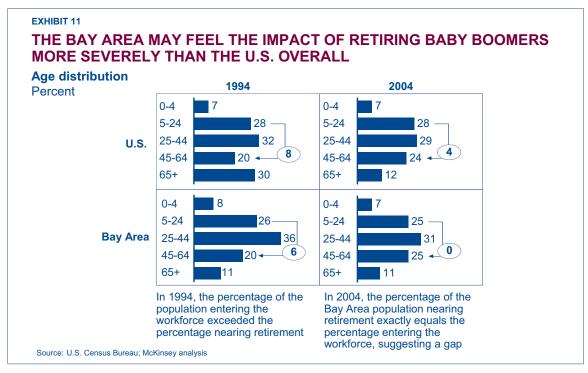


^{2.} Junfu Zhang, "High-Tech Start-Ups and Industry Dynamics in Silicon Valley", Public Policy Institute of California, 2003.

2. Persistent trends threaten to erode the talent base

The Bay Area's need to attract and produce highly-skilled workers is increasing, due to a growing economy, the retirement of Baby Boomers from the labor force, the movement of people to other locations in the country, and the greater numbers of foreign professionals returning home.

The Baby Boomer factor. The Bay Area may feel the impact of the aging Baby Boomer generation more severely than other regions. The population nearing retirement (ages 45-64) exactly equals the population poised to enter the workforce (ages 5-25). As a result, the Bay Area will continue to need a fresh inflow of workers to fill both existing and newly created jobs. The Bay Area economy has always relied on talent from other places, and in coming years it will have to do so more. The quality of local K-12 education will also increase in importance as the need for replacement talent grows. (Exhibit 11)



Role of foreign talent. The Bay Area is a talent magnet, drawing creative, educated people from all over the planet. Local universities attract top global minds – both students and researchers – many of whom remain here to enrich the local economy. However, today more and more foreign-born scientists and engineers are studying here but returning to their home countries to build careers. As entrepreneurial opportunities abroad increase, particularly in China and India, fewer immigrants may choose to face the Bay Area's high cost of living. If the region is to keep these

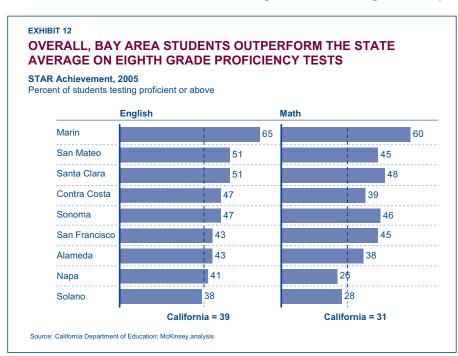
valuable individuals, it must remain an attractive place both to live and to build a career.

The Bay Area will continue to excel in talent if: 1) Its schools equip its youth with the skills to participate in the economy, and/or 2) It keeps attracting highly-skilled workers from throughout the nation and other countries. Are the public schools preparing Bay Area youth to enter a workforce where higher education or specialized training is increasingly the passkey? And, will the Bay Area continue to appeal to talent, both retaining residents and attracting newcomers?

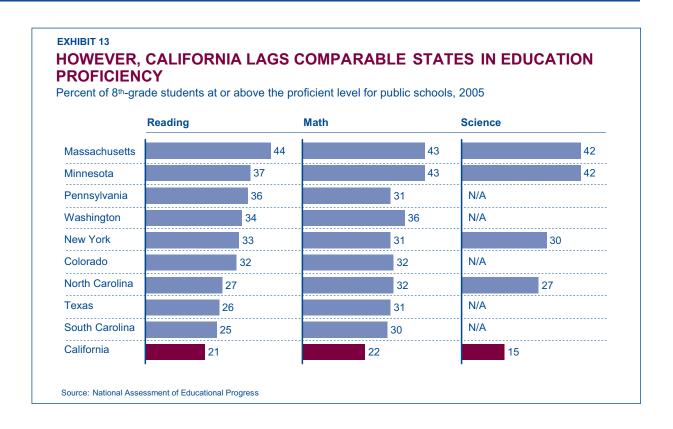
2.1. The K-12 education system must equip students for the knowledge-based economy

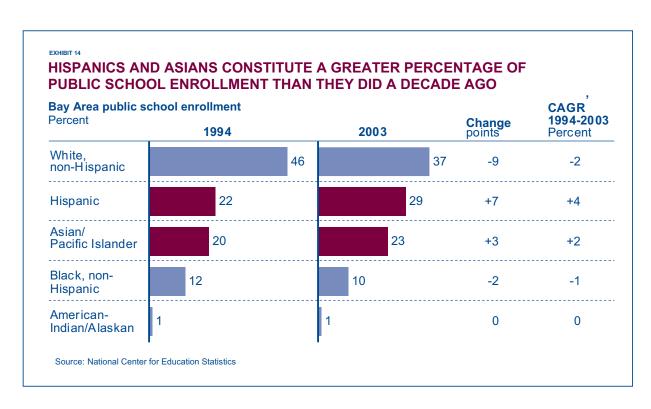
Despite the outstanding quality of universities and the high education level of Bay Area residents, students in California's K-12 public schools severely underperform those in other states. In the end, many schools are failing to ensure basic literacy and math skills. English is a second language for a growing number of children, and the schools must take extra steps to educate them.

Basic proficiency. The picture regarding the Bay Area's public schools is troubling. On a positive note, a higher percentage of Bay Area eighth graders achieve proficiency in math and English than eighth graders in California generally. Unfortunately, the percentage of California eighth graders achieving proficiency in the basic skills of math, reading and science lags that of eighth graders in all of the states where our comparable cities are located. (Note that since each state designs its own test, proficiency data are not directly

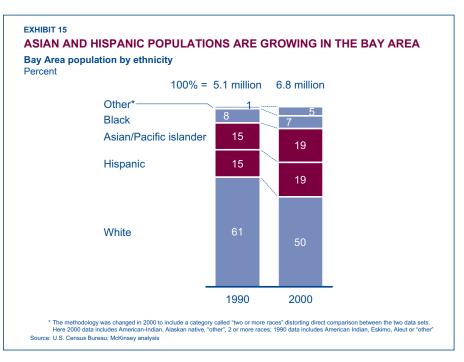


c o m p a r a b l e between states.) (Exhibits 12, 13)

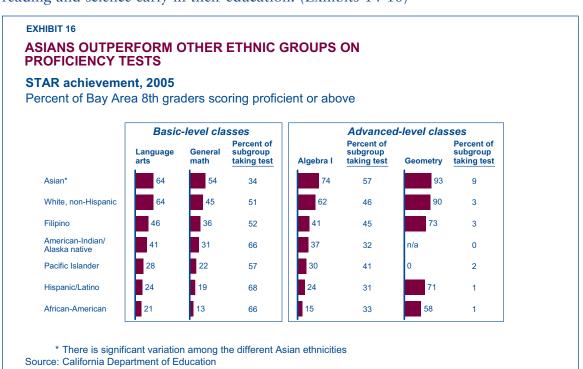




Demographic trends. From 1990 to 2000, both Asians and Hispanics increased their share of the Bay Area population overall and of the school population as well. From 1994 to 2003, the Hispanic student sub-population in the Bay Area grew from 22% to 29% of the total and the Asian subpopulation grew from 20% to 23%. Performance data suggest that Bay Area public schools are not meeting the community's need to educate all ethnic subpopulations adequately. Asian and non-Hispanic whites score higher than their peers in English and math, and a much



greater percentage of Asians³ and non-Hispanic whites enroll in higher levels of math in the eighth grade. To ensure that currently underperforming students can join the knowledge workforce, the schools must help those students achieve proficiency in math, reading and science early in their education. (Exhibits 14-16)



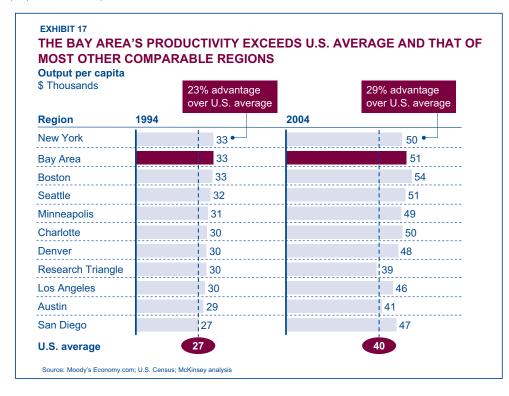
³ The data on Asians mask important ethnic variations.

2.2. The high cost of living offsets high productivity and incomes

Though the Bay Area is among the most productive and appealing regions in the US, its high cost of living increasingly offsets its advantages. The average paycheck is larger than in comparable regions, but doesn't go as far. Many residents tolerate the high cost of living to enjoy the Bay Area's spectacular natural environment and richly cosmopolitan society. However, as the cost premium rises, the workers who keep the local economy thriving may reassess their personal choice to live here.

Productivity. The rate at which an economy increases its productivity partly determines how fast it can improve its standard of living. Productivity growth lets businesses make more and/or higher-quality goods at lower cost. Firms can then distribute the resulting surplus to customers (as lower prices), to workers (as higher salaries) and to owners (as higher profits) without causing inflation. A higher standard of living further stimulates the economy by increasing demand.

In the past ten years, productivity – that is output per capita – in the nine-county Bay Area has steadily grown and outpaced the US average. Further, this increase has come through improvement in employee productivity, and not through growth in the share of the population that is working. The Bay Area consistently leads comparable regions in output per capita and its advantage over the US average has increased from 23% in 1994 to 29% in 2004. In fact, for most of the past 10 years, the Bay Area has been the top performer in productivity (although Boston has surpassed the Bay Area since 2001). (Exhibit 17)



All Bay Area counties but Napa and Solano exceed the US average in productivity, and GDP per capita in San Francisco is over twice the national level. The differences among counties stem from varying economic mixes, the distribution of the working population, and commuting patterns.

Productivity adjusted for cost of living. Quality of life and productivity are two elements of standard of living. Another is cost of living – and a high and accelerating cost of living offsets the Bay Area's high productivity.

While the relative productivity of the Bay Area peaked in 2000 and then corrected, it remains high, at 129% of the US average. However, the relative cost of living has kept growing over the years and is currently 141% of US average. As a result, the relative cost-adjusted productivity of the region has slipped below the national average, and in fact, below all of the benchmarking regions except San Diego. (Exhibit 18)

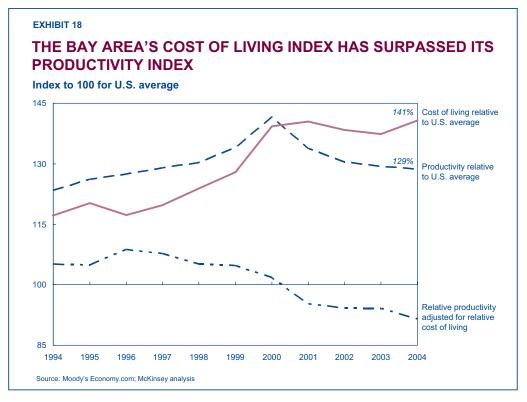
Relative income after cost of living adjustment. Though salaries in the Bay Area are higher than in comparable regions and the US overall, expenses are higher still. In fact, the Bay Area has the questionable honor of being the nation's most expensive place to live. If a professional earning \$70,000 in the Bay Area – the median household income in the region – accepted an equivalent job elsewhere in the country, he or she would likely take a cut in salary. That job in Charlotte, for instance, would pay \$59,200. However, on a purely monetary basis, the lower household expenses there would more than offset the lost wages. In fact, if a household's living expenses in the Bay Area were \$70,000, the equivalent cost in Charlotte would be \$36,900, leaving the family with a surplus (income less costs) of \$22,300. (Exhibits 19-21)

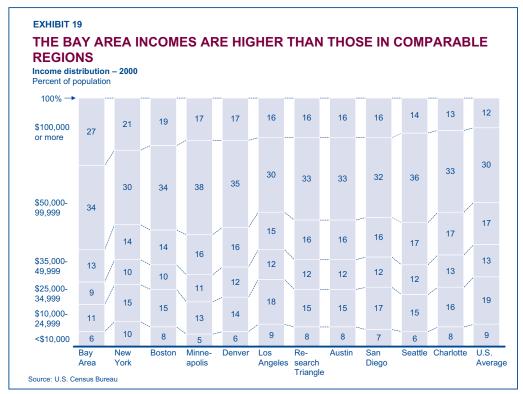
Of course, money isn't everything. Most Bay Area residents are clearly willing to trade a higher budget surplus for factors they believe enhance their quality of life. Residents savor the region's deeper virtues as well: its architecture, diverse neighborhoods, outstanding cuisine, vibrant culture, wine country and array of recreational opportunities. These features are a particular draw for young, mobile knowledge economy workers.

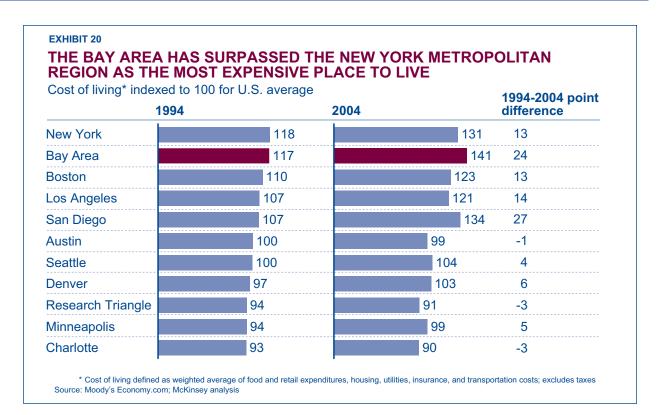
Wealth effect. Reliance on income is somewhat misleading, for it does not capture the impact of local residents' wealth. The Bay Area median income is 1.6 times higher than the US median⁴ but the region's median household net wealth of \$195,000 is 3.9 times that of the US median.⁵ Those with the resources to afford it may be less sensitive to the high cost of living. Nonetheless, the region risks losing individuals who cannot as easily afford the high cost of living. People such as teachers, fire fighters, and nurses must often move to the outskirts of the region in search of affordable housing, or even out of the region entirely. The knowledge economy workers, who are highly mobile and have job opportunities elsewhere, are also affected and may choose to leave or avoid the Bay Area altogether.

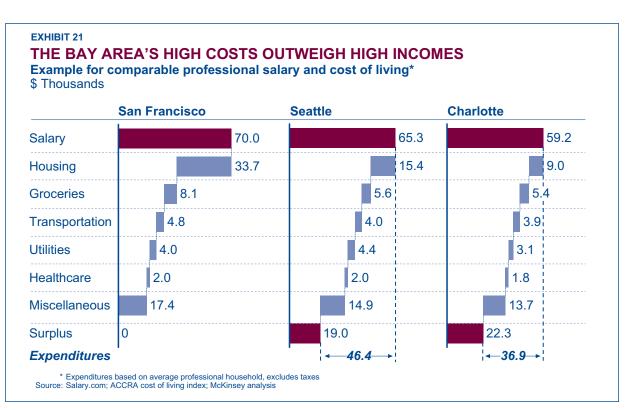
^{4.} Median income for the Bay Area in 2004 was \$70 thousand, and for the US - \$44 thousand; Moody's Economy.com.

^{5.} Calculations from the Survey of Income Programs and Participation by Jon Haveman and Ethan Jennings at the Public Policy Institute of California; 2003 data.









Cost of doing business. Entrepreneurs and executives are a crucial form of talent, and they must cope with a related challenge: the cost of doing business. The Bay Area has the highest cost of doing business in the nation. While local companies spend approximately the US average on taxes and direct labor costs (in terms of wages and salaries per dollar of output), they pay more in benefits and other costs, twice the average energy costs, and a 32 percent premium for rent. In addition, though recent reforms have lowered workers compensation premiums, they are still more than twice the national average. California employers spend \$6.08 per \$100 in payroll, compared to \$2.70 for the U.S. as a whole.

2.3. The cost of housing is unaffordable for many

Though most everyday purchases in the Bay Area – from energy to groceries – come at a premium, housing is the key factor in the high cost of living. Housing costs 39% more

EXHIBIT 22

HOUSING IS THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF THE BAY AREA'S HIGH COST OF LIVING

Comparable expenditures*

Dollars, percent



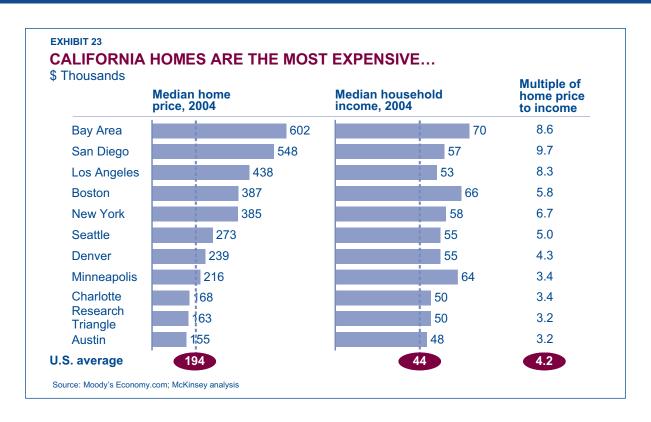
- * Based on average annual expenditures for professional household
- ** Other includes groceries, utilities, transportation, health, and miscellaneous
- *** Assumes 19% renters of 950 sq. ft., 2 bedroom apartments, 81% owners of 2,400 sq. ft. homes

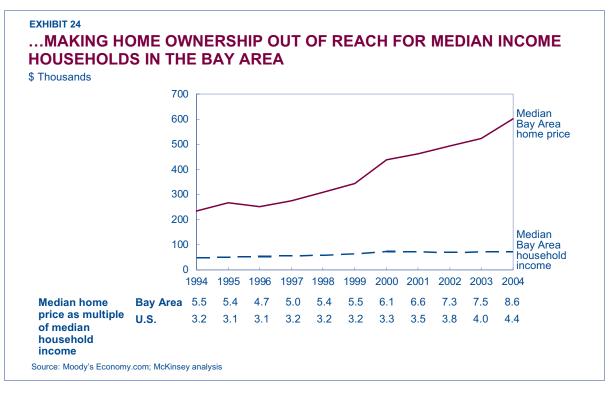
Source: ACCRA cost of living index; McKinsey analysis

than the US average, and local residents spend almost half (48%) of their income on housing, compared to 29% for the country as a whole. Notably, the three California metropolitan regions in our benchmarking set – the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and San Diego – have shown the highest jumps in relative cost of living over the past decade, reflecting the rise in local real estate markets across the state. (Exhibits 20, 22)

While Bay Area rents are more expensive than almost anywhere in the nation, house prices are daunting. They have grown faster than in other regions, and the median now exceeds \$600,000. This figure is 8.6 times the median income, as opposed to 4.2 for the country as a whole. (Exhibits 23-24)

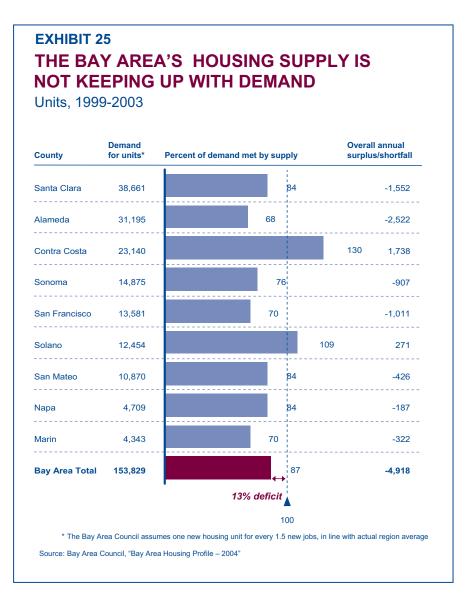
According to the federal government, housing is "affordable" if it costs 30% or less of a household's income. By that definition, the median household in the Bay Area making \$70,000 per year should spend no more than \$1,750 per month on housing. According to the





National Association of Homebuilders, only 18% of homes are affordable for the median-income household in the Bay Area.

One reason for the high cost is a shortage of homes. In most Bay Area counties, the demand for housing is outrunning the supply. On average, every 1.5 new jobs require 1 new housing unit. From 1999 through 2003, the Bay Area needed 153,829 new units, but created only 134,159, leaving a 13% deficit. Moreover, the Bay Area produced just 29% of the affordable housing needed for low-income residents, those earning 50-60% less than the area median income. This comes on top of a pre-existing housing deficit that has been accumulating for more than a decade. (Exhibit 25)



2.4. Infrastructure is overburdened

Another pressing challenge before the Bay Area is its overstressed infrastructure, which is marked by underinvestment across almost all components – roads and bridges, public transit, airports, ports, rail, warehousing/distribution centers, energy, water, schools, and emergency preparedness. Infrastructure weakness is not a problem unique to the Bay Area, but it is a serious one nonetheless.

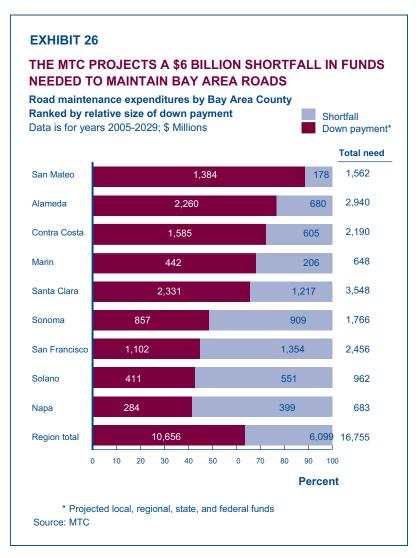
Overall, infrastructure weaknesses can be everyday, uncommon, or extreme. Each is important. On a daily basis, the Bay Area faces problems such as traffic congestion. In rarer but foreseeable circumstances, it will confront crises like power shortages from prolonged hot weather or levee breaches from torrential rains. Finally, in extreme cases – a severe earthquake or a terrorist act – the Bay Area is vulnerable across the entire infrastructure network.

Roads/bridges. The Bay Area's 620-mile freeway system is the workhorse of the transportation network. In all, the region has over 1,400 miles of highways and residents drive 30 billion miles per year on them.

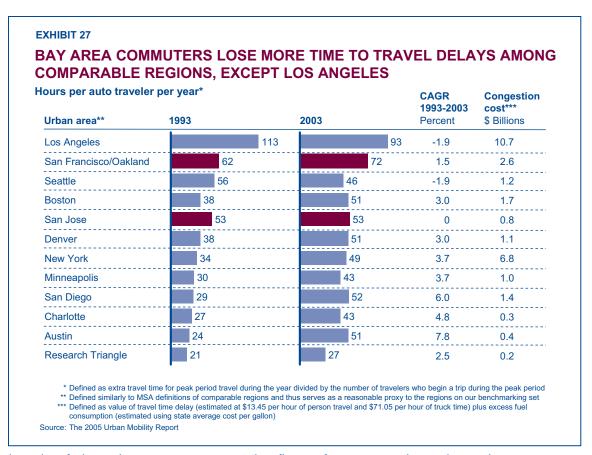
Investment in this network has not met escalating demand, and roads and highways have deteriorated since 2001. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) estimates a shortfall of almost \$6 billion for local road repairs in the region. (Exhibit 26)

Congestion is also a serious problem. Peak travel times in the Bay Area have risen significantly, and local commuters sacrifice more time to the road than those in any of our comparable cities except Los Angeles. According to MTC estimates, congestion cost the Bay Area more than \$3 billion in wasted time and fuel in 2003. (Exhibit 27)

The cause is not just growing population. As people move further away to find affordable housing and better schools, the number of commuters and the



^{6.} Bay Area Housing Profile - Bay Area Council: Second edition, 1999-2003.



length of their driving times rise. The flow of commercial goods is also increasing, intensifying congestion as trucks compete with cars for limited highway space.

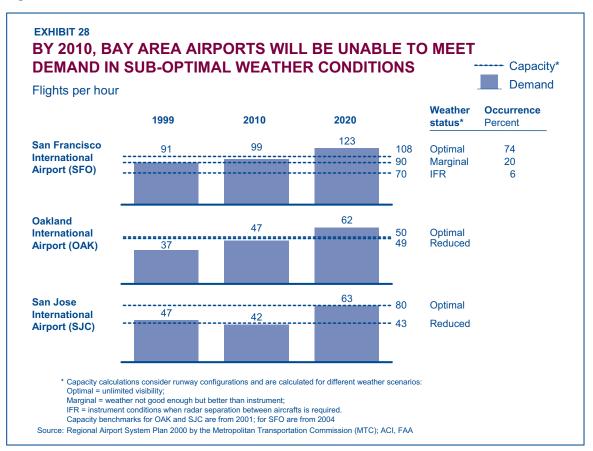
Goods movement. Thirty-seven percent of the Bay Area's economic output is in industries that depend on the ability to move goods. This is particularly important for international trade. High-tech and high value commodities – such as electronics, precision instruments, motor vehicles – account for 50% of all goods transportation originating in the Bay Area. Moving them efficiently is important to the Bay Area's competitiveness and quality of life. Competition for land use – residential/commercial vs. the distribution/warehousing infrastructure vital for goods movement – as well as congestion on the roads, threaten the efficient movement of goods through the area.

Public transit. Despite considerable investment in public transit, the percentage of Bay Area commuters using it has decreased substantially over time and has been below 10 percent for the past 20 years. Overall transit ridership has fallen to a seven-year low in the Bay Area, despite increases last year in the number of BART and Caltrain passengers. A more efficient system and affordable housing along transportation corridors might encourage greater use of public transit and ease congestion on Bay Area roads.

Airports and ports. The Bay Area is the fifth largest trade gateway in the country by value. Containerized cargo at Bay Area ports is expected to double in the next 15 years, and air cargo to triple.

In addition to handling over 57 million passengers and 2 million containers each year, Bay Area airports and ports generate significant traffic in surrounding areas. The Port of Oakland, the largest in the Bay Area, is a key player in the busy Pacific Coast port system and the fourth largest container port in the continental US. Both the volume and the value of its traffic are increasing due to growing trade with Asia. While the Port is expanding to meet this growing demand, surrounding roads and arteries are filling with heavier truck traffic, and nearby neighborhoods are growing more concerned about air pollution. Limited rail and warehouse capacity are also constraints.

Relative to comparable airports and using FAA benchmarks that consider weighted weather scenarios, SFO has not yet reached capacity. However, in bad weather its runways can't handle demand. According to a 2000 study by the Regional Airport Planning Committee, neither SFO nor OAK will be able to cope with projected demand even under optimal weather much beyond 2010. (San Jose's airport will not approach capacity until 2020.) Given the time needed to expand runway capacity, planning must begin soon. (Exhibit 28)



Water. The Hetch Hetchy water system serves 2.4 million Bay Area residents and businesses in four counties. Completed back in 1934, it is a 167-mile, gravity driven network of dams, reservoirs, tunnels, pump stations, aqueducts and pipelines that moves Tuolumne River runoff from near Yosemite Valley to the Bay Area. Demand has already outstripped the assured supply from this system, and badly needed capital improvements are delayed.

The need for water is increasing. According to the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), by 2010 total water demand will be 12% higher than today. By 2030 it will be 23% higher. The system is expected to meet this need through a variety of sources as well as water conservation.

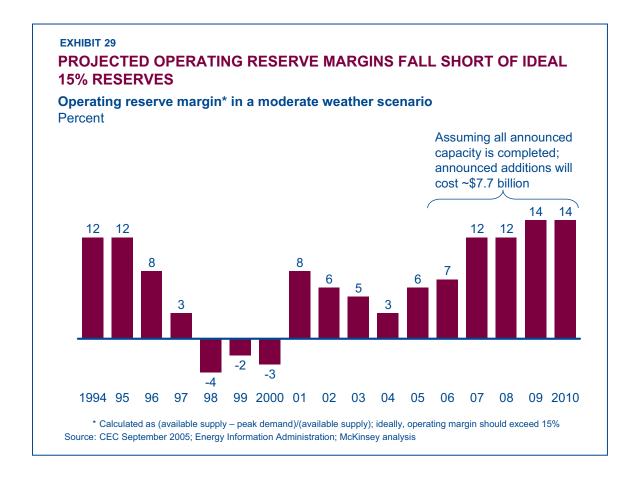
The Hetch Hetchy water system is vulnerable to a major earthquake. It crosses at least five active faults, while its major dam, reservoir, pipeline, tunnel and pump station components are aging and maintenance and upgrades have been deferred. Major components have no bypass capability in the event of failure, which could leave some customers without water for 10-30 days. Since commercial and industrial users would be the lowest priority, much business activity could cease within two or three days. If a San Andreas earthquake interrupted the water supply, the potential economic losses alone would be around \$28.7 billion, according to some estimates.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) has embarked on a multibillion dollar program to rebuild its water system. The Water System Improvement Program will deliver capital improvements that enhance the SFPUC's ability to provide reliable, affordable, high-quality water to its regional customers in an environmentally sustainable manner. However, the program is behind schedule, and in November 2005 the SFPUC adopted a revised program with 28% higher total capital cost and an aggressive schedule.

Energy. Energy prices in the Bay Area remain among the highest in the nation. In general, power systems should operate with at least 15% in reserves, but California hasn't met that mark for years. In the last decade, peak demand has grown more rapidly than in-state capacity, causing energy facilities to operate below the 7% reserve margin that triggers a Stage One emergency (in which the state asks citizens to cut unneeded consumption). (Exhibit 29)

Since the supply increases promised after the power crises of 2001 have not materialized, the Bay Area's energy supply again hovers near emergency status. Based on announced capacity additions and retirements and the California Energy Commission's (CEC) projected demand, reserve margins will be 7% in 2006.

Given 2005 CEC forecasts under a moderate weather scenario, if capacity improvements finish on schedule, California's reserve levels will rise to acceptable levels. However, history suggests that this may not occur. Of the 28,000 MW of capacity announced for construction in California after the crisis, the state had a net increase of only 3,800



MW by the fall of 2004. Much of the problem lies in the difficulty of attracting private investment, due to the "slow response of California policy makers to put in place clear and effective market rules and regulations."

Emergency preparedness. The Bay Area is at risk for large scale disasters, including terrorist acts and especially earthquakes, as the great 1906 temblor showed. The Loma Prieta quake of 1989 was one-tenth as strong, yet it disabled part of the Bay Bridge and cost the local economy \$10 billion. According to a new earthquake risk assessment report, commissioned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, there is a 2 in 3 chance of a major 6.7 earthquake or worse in the Bay Area in the next 30 years, which would compromise the effectiveness of much of the Bay Area's infrastructure – the roads, bridges, water, and energy. According to a recent study, a 7.9 earthquake, roughly the size of the one in 1906, could trigger \$40 billion in damage to buildings and \$59 billion in total economic losses.

A quake under the west Delta could do similar damage. The Delta lies below sea level and only a system of earthen levees, many built by laborers in the 19th century, protects it. According to a recent report from the state's Department of Water Resources (DWR),

^{7.} BAEF, "Lightning Strikes Twice," August 2004

^{8.} LA Times, 1/8/06

^{9.} Ibid

a 6.5 temblor – one weaker than Loma Prieta – could breach levees in more than 30 places and submerge 16 islands, 3,000 homes, and 85,000 acres of cropland. The flooding would pull salt water into the Delta from San Francisco Bay, compelling shutdowns of the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project, and drying up faucets in much of the Bay Area. It would also cut power and gas lines, and reduce power transmission to the entire state. The economic damage would be \$30-40 billion.¹⁰

As the New Orleans floods showed, both investment and coordinated regional planning are critical for emergency preparedness. Yet in the Bay Area, a multi-tiered mosaic of governmental bodies has responsibility for much of the public infrastructure, and this fact complicates preparations. Effective disaster and homeland security preparedness must include proactive planning and coordination at all levels, as well as public education and awareness.

3. Recent developments in the Bay Area offer grounds for optimism

The Bay Area is nothing if not innovative, and its talent and spirit of creative problem solving can go far toward meeting the challenges the region faces. So can heightened awareness of the status quo and its implications. Ultimately, the problem is one of political will. If the public and its elected representatives make these issues a top priority, we will likely resolve them. Otherwise, conditions will almost certainly grow worse.

Recent progress. The Bay Area continues to pilot new initiatives. In 2004 the state enacted legislation permitting HOT (High Occupancy/Toll) lane demonstration projects on Interstate 680 and two roads in Santa Clara County. The MTC and its partners have developed 511 phone and web service to notify drivers of traffic conditions. It has also partly developed a system of roadside traffic sensors and other intelligent transportation system measures.

The Hetch Hetchy water system has received significant attention. On November 30, 2005, the SFPUC approved a revised 10-year, \$4.3 billion construction plan to rebuild the 167-mile aqueduct to better protect against earthquakes and terror attacks.

Voter-approved measures. The public has approved numerous ballot measures related to infrastructure. For instance, in 2004 voters cast more than 2.5 million "yes" votes to improve mobility in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Voters in seven counties delivered \$8.5 billion in new transportation funding despite the supermajority required for passing county sales taxes and most other local transportation funding in California.

Similarly, Regional Measure 2 (RM2) raises tolls on the seven state-owned bridges by \$1 to fund expansion and enhancement of public transit options in and around

the bridge corridors. Voters approved an East Bay parcel tax to buoy AC Transit's financially strapped bus system and a property tax to finance \$980 million of bonds for BART's seismic upgrade program.

Regional initiatives. These advances have occurred in a multi-tiered context of planning, advocacy, and vision that involves organizations across the Bay Area. Recognizing the challenges facing the region, but also its deep pool of local talent and entrepreneurship, the Bay Area's leadership has mobilized.

The sponsors of this report – the Bay Area Economic Forum, the Bay Area Council, and the Association of Bay Area Governments – regional agencies such as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and other key partners throughout the region are working to engage elected officials, business, labor and key institutions in a series of collaborative efforts to forge innovative but practical solutions.

This collaborative spirit is reflected in the Smart Growth Vision for the region, a multi-stakeholder public-private coalition (including the Bay Area Alliance, with active support from ABAG and the Bay Area Council). The Smart Growth Vision directs housing for population growth and jobs to be located near transit corridors, while emphasizing development in existing urban areas and compact and mixed-use development in suburbs.

To facilitate implementation of the Smart Growth Vision, a Joint Policy Committee has been formed to coordinate the regional planning of the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. MTC is now requiring supportive land uses near new transit stations. Long a priority of the Bay Area Council, this policy will increase ridership on public transit and focus development around it for greater mobility in the region. Such integration of land use policy with public transit investments will relieve congestion, enhance the environment, reduce air pollution, and protect open space.

Other examples of current initiatives abound.

- The Association of Bay Area Governments is spearheading an effort to refine, focus and implement the regional vision by engaging local governments and key stakeholders in a regional planning process that emphasizes housing and support for infill development. Priority areas for development and protection will be identified, and knit together to form a Regional Growth Strategy that will inform implementation and future planning.
- The Bay Area Council's Regional Transportation Initiative Strategic Plan details the crucial ingredients for a comprehensive, multimodal, integrated transportation system. The Plan recognizes the need to better use current capacity, harness market forces, deploy smart technology, and promote more efficient land use patterns. The Bay Area Council places priority on developing a complete regional carpool/toll lane network, as well as a comprehensive "critical mass" water transit system.

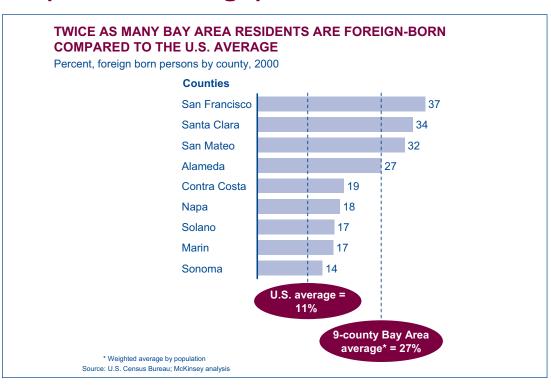
- The Bay Area Council Energy Committee advocates policy changes to promote a competitive market for energy that provides a reliable supply. A key priority is to increase energy supply by expanding the portfolio of renewable energy sources.
- The Bay Area Council Water Policy Committee, is working to bring together infrastructure investments that will assure water quality and supply to a growing state while protecting the critical Bay-Delta ecosystem.
- The Bay Area Economic Forum, through its analyses and initiatives, is bringing together leaders from business, government, universities, labor and the community to address long-range economic challenges and opportunities. Its priorities include economic competitiveness, technological innovation, human capital development, manufacturing, trade and globalization, and infrastructure.
- The Bay Area Science and Innovation Consortium (BASIC), a partnership of scientific leaders representing the Bay Area's national laboratories, research universities, and corporate and nonprofit laboratories, is working on a range of critical issues including immigration policy affecting the research community, federal investment in research, the establishment of new research centers in the Bay Area, and intellectual property issues affecting collaboration between universities and business.
- New California Network, a statewide initiative launched by the Bay Area Economic Forum and Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network, is mobilizing civic organizations and leaders throughout the state, and an extended grassroots network, to push for budget and governance reform in Sacramento.

The Bay Area benefits from the nation's richest and most collaborative community of civic and nonprofit organizations, and many of its most creative minds. Though the region faces formidable challenges, we are optimistic that with its remarkable history of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship, and with the necessary political will, the Bay Area will rise to meet them.

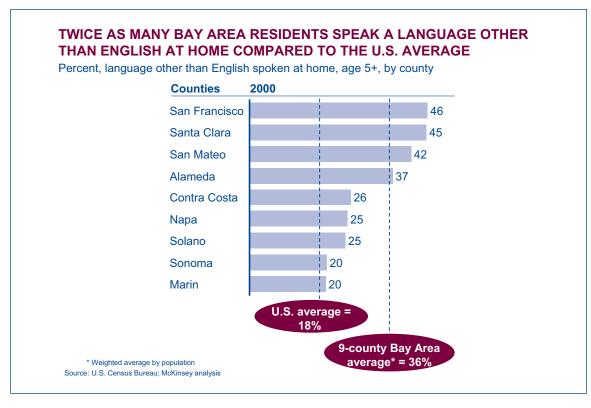
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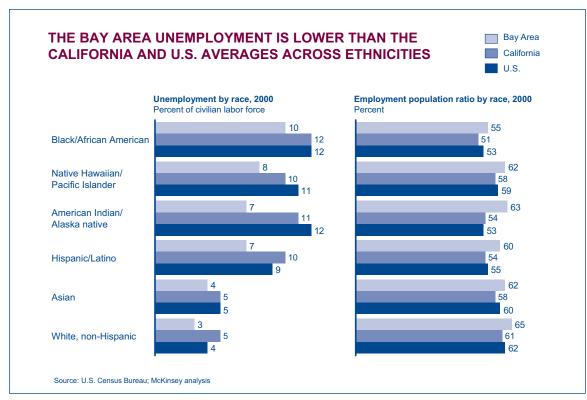
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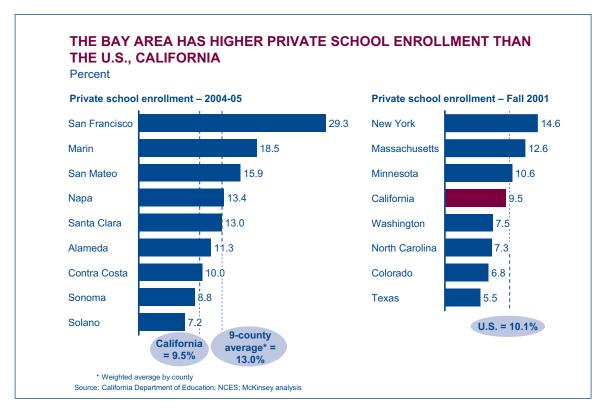
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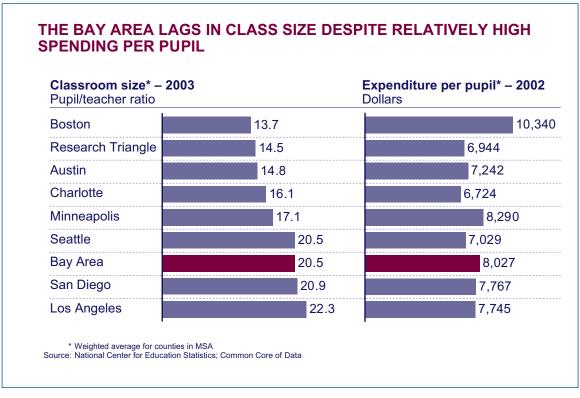




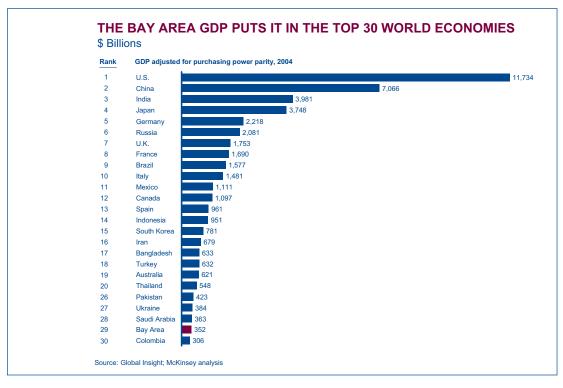


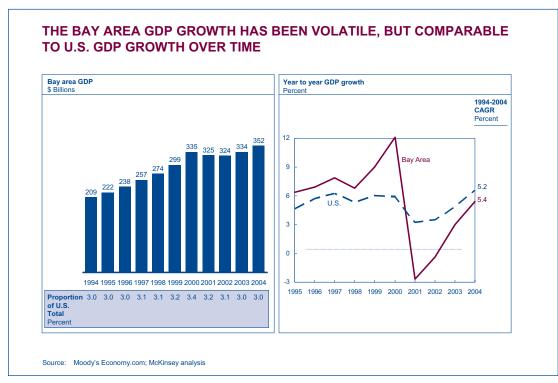


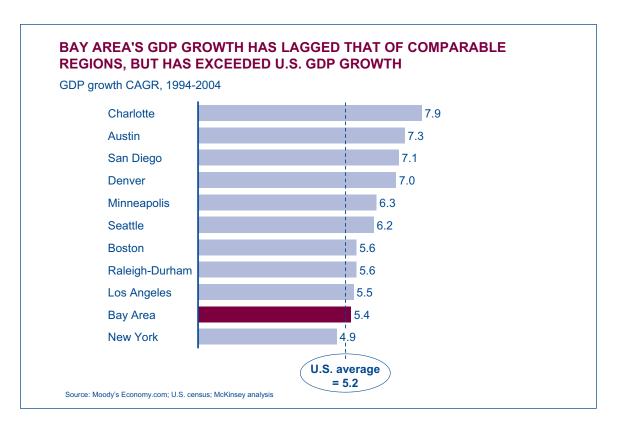


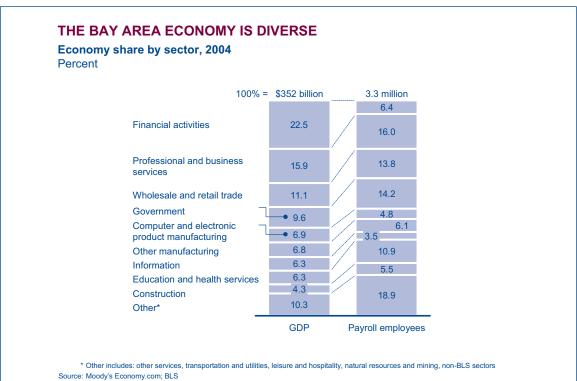


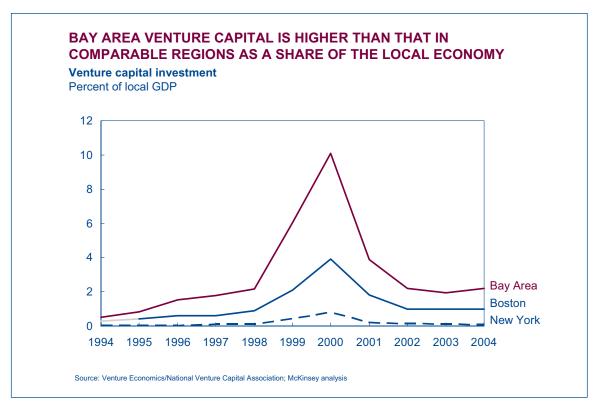
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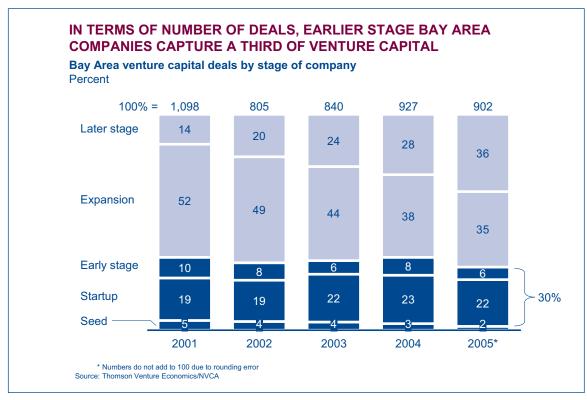


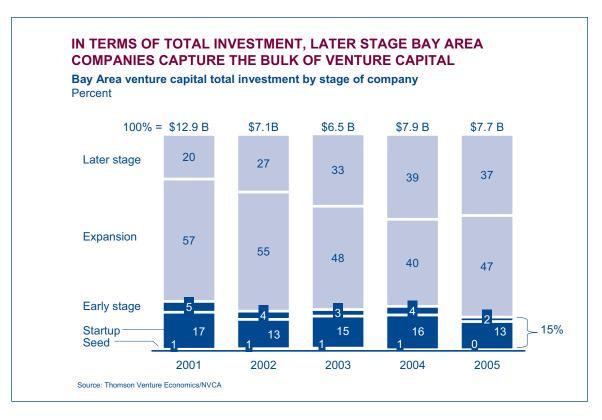


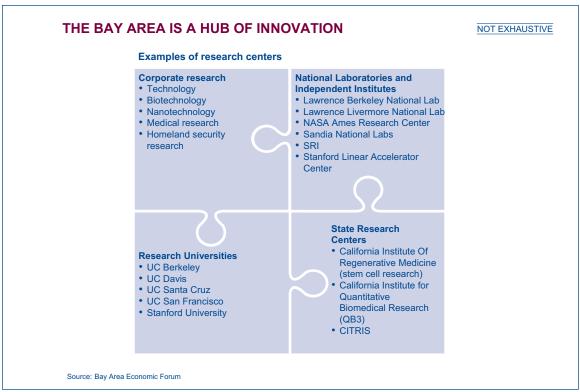












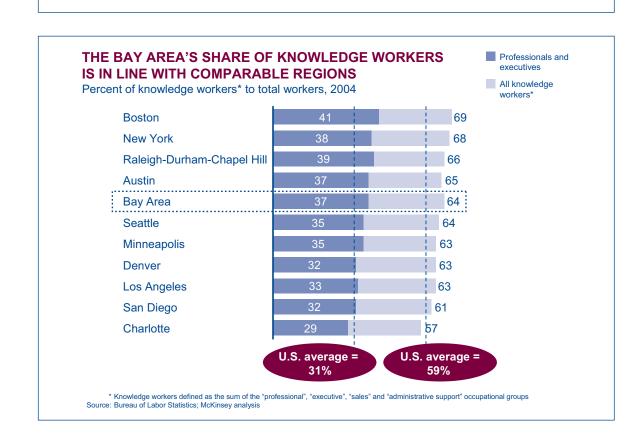
LEADING BAY AREA UNIVERSITIES ACCOUNT FOR A LARGE SHARE OF R&D EXPENDITURES

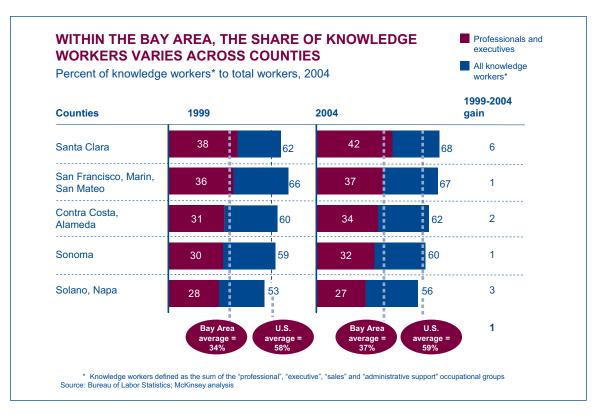
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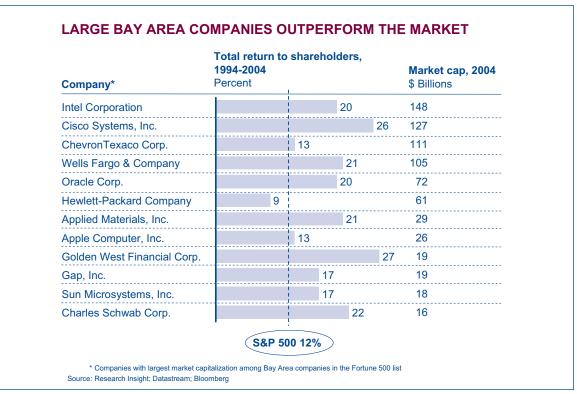
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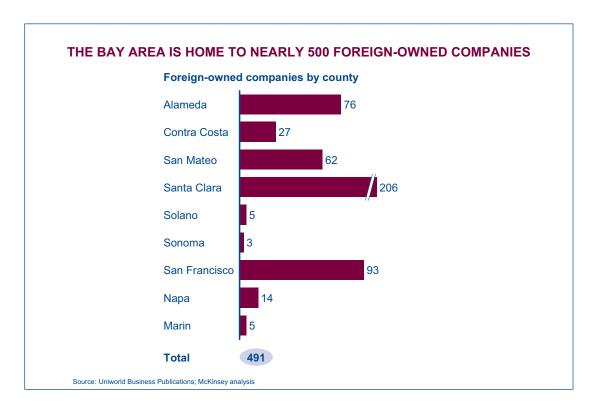
- All 5 leading Bay Area Universities rank intop 130 of 617 institutions
- Combined, they capture 6.7% of national R&D academic expenditures

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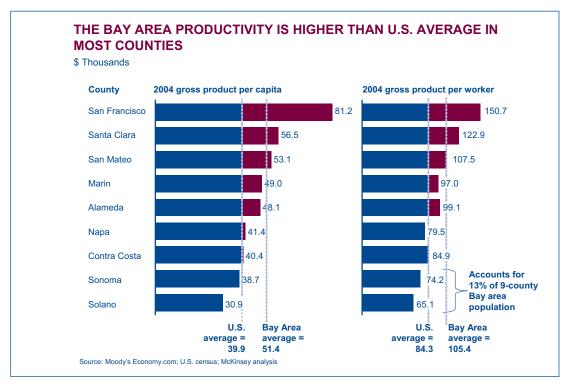


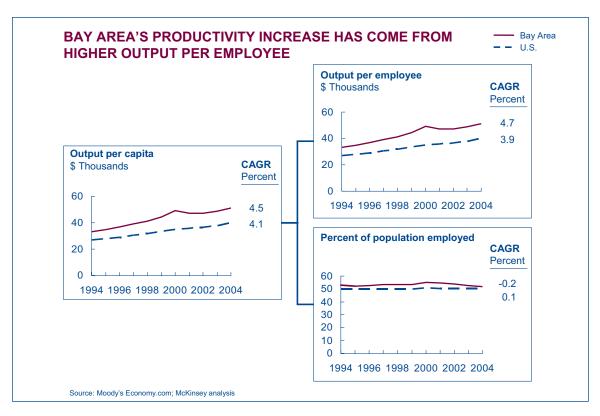


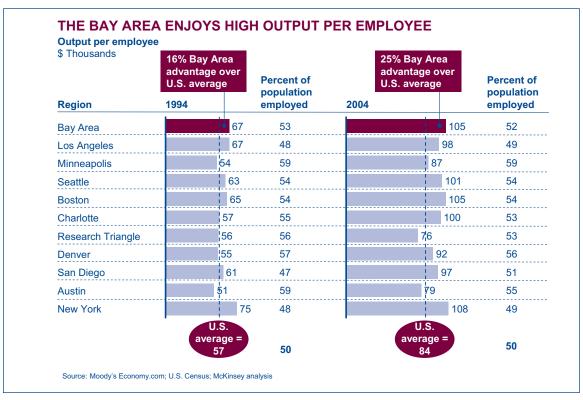


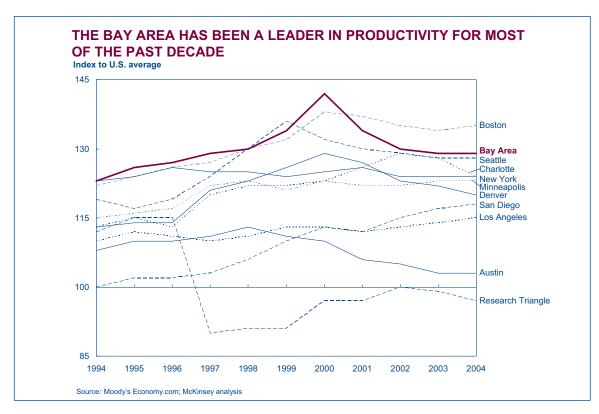


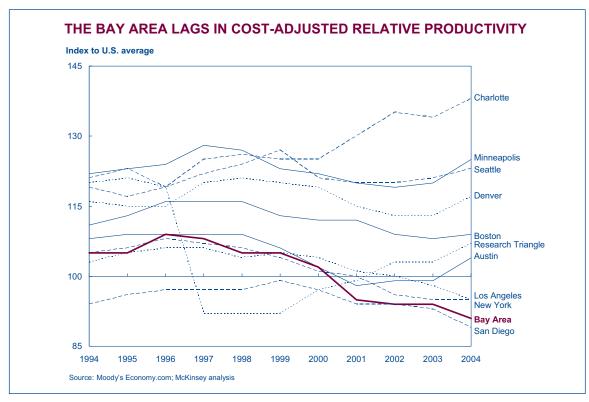
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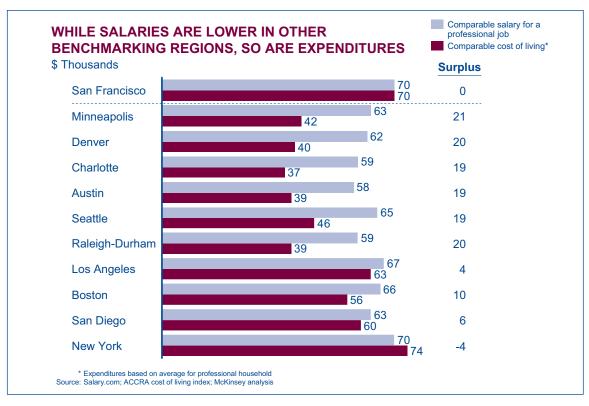


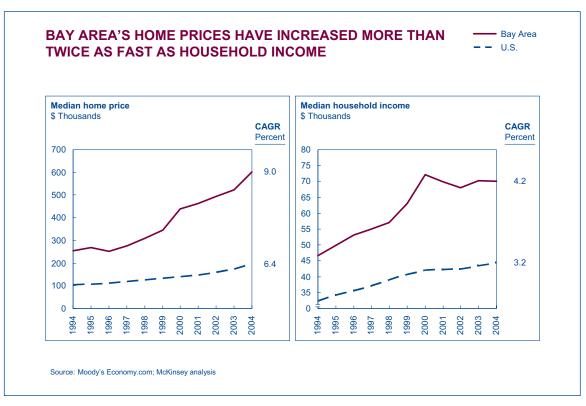




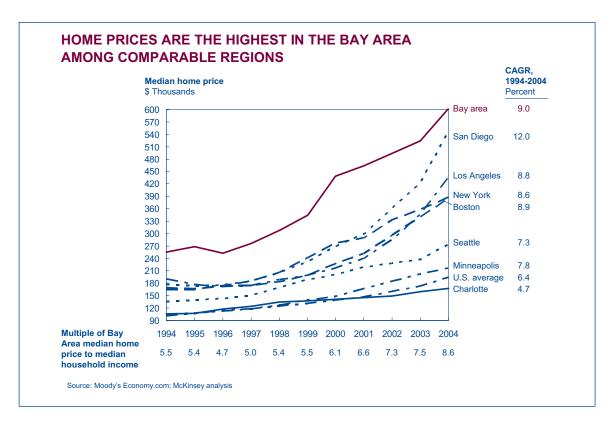


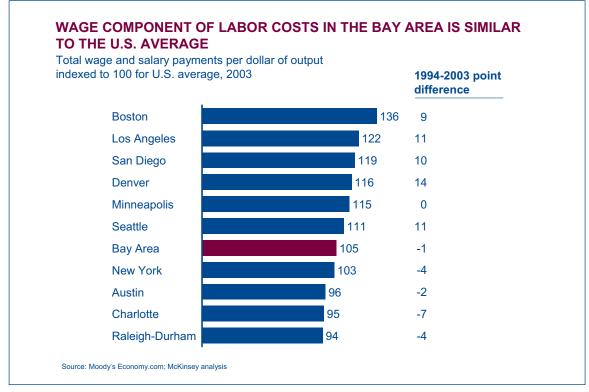


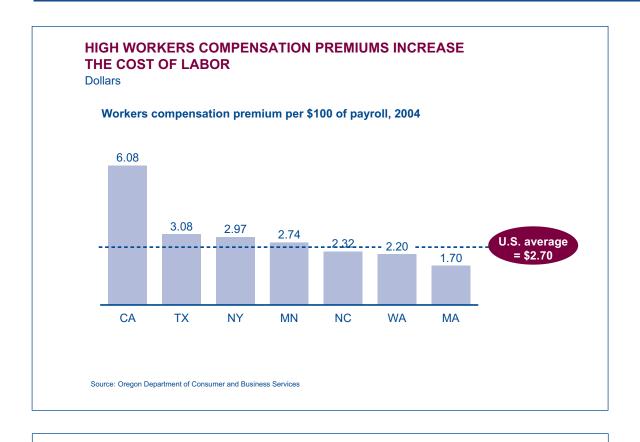






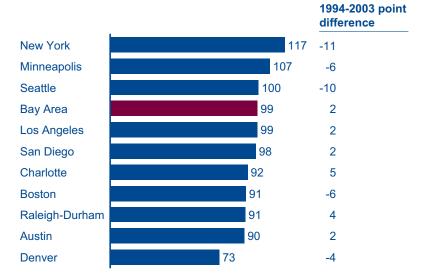






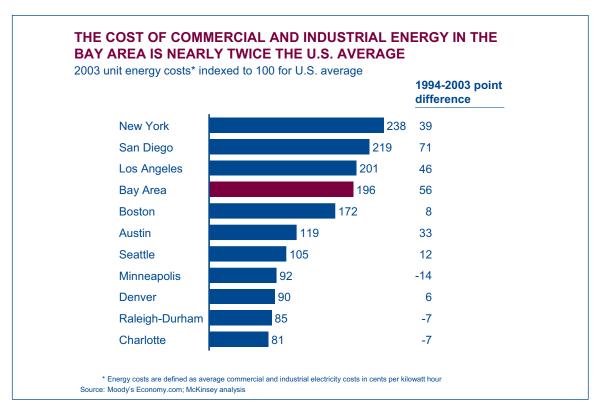
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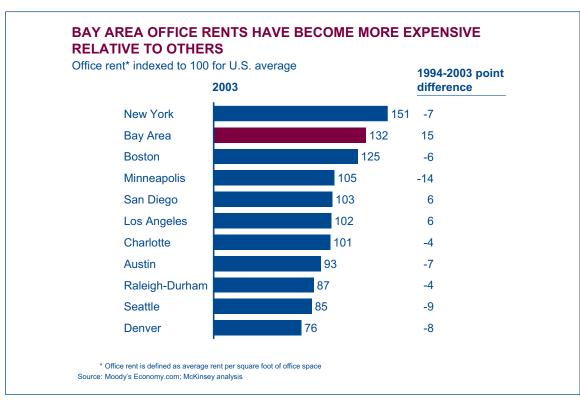
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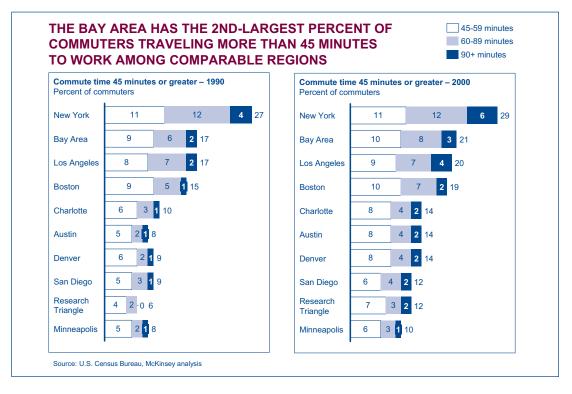
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IV. Infrastructure





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MOST BAY AREA COMMUTERS STAY WITHIN THEIR OWN COUNTY

Thousands of workers

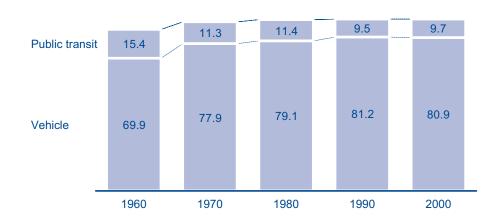
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San Mateo	72	55	15	206	2	<1	<1	<1	1	2	354	
Contra Costa	50	10	96	9	255	1	1	<1	7	7	442	
Napa	1	<1	1	<1	2	44	2	4	1	1	57	
Sonoma	8	1	2	2	2	3	184	1	18	3	225	
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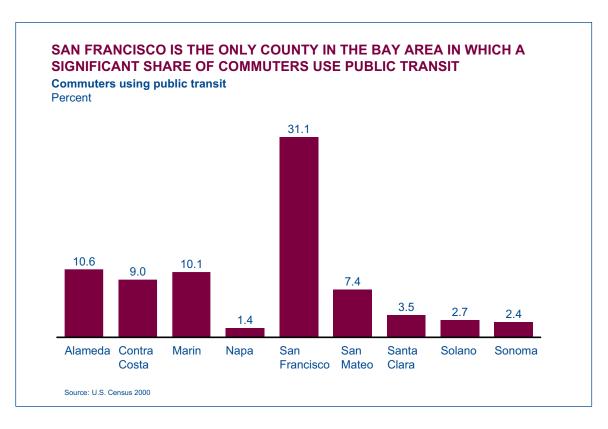
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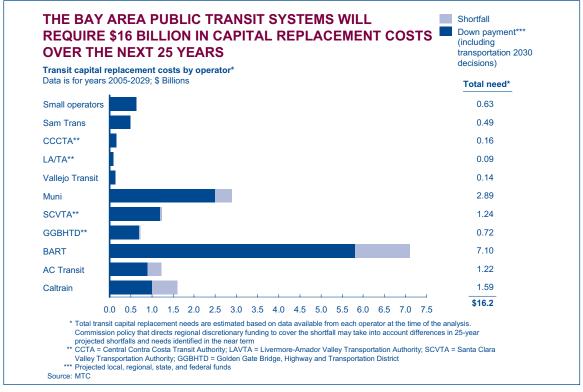
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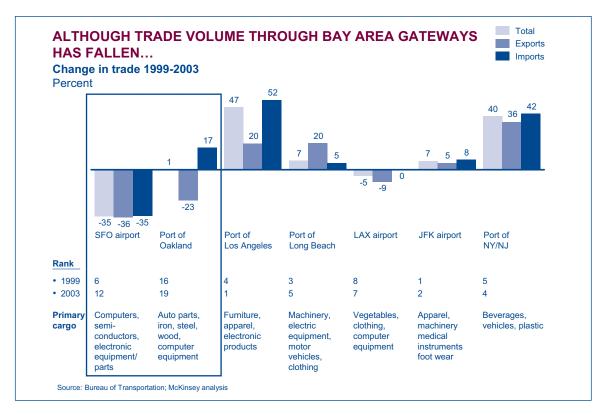


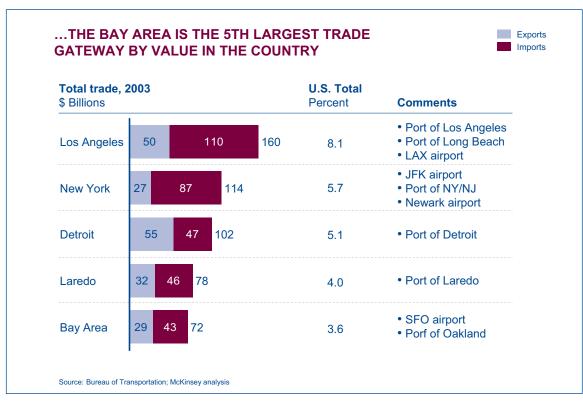
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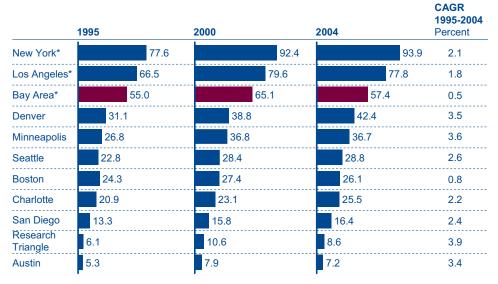


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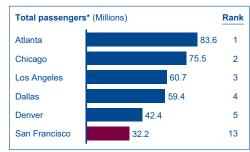
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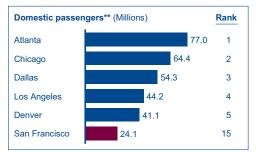


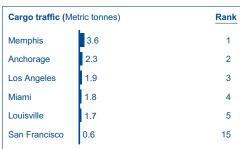
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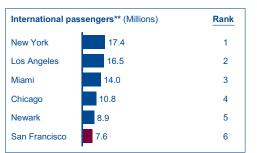
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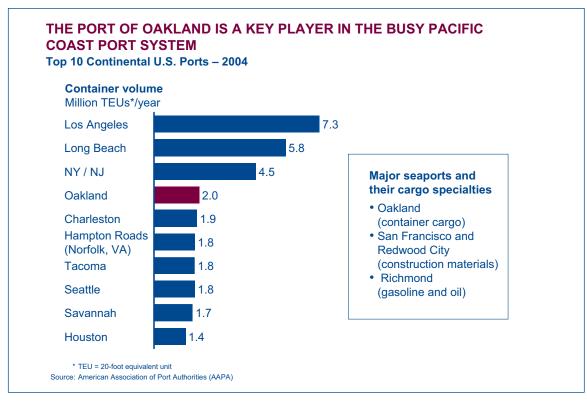


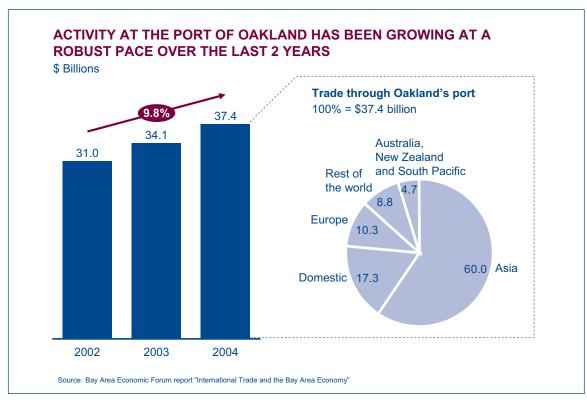


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